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[ ] Further, in compliance with MPEP § 1893(g), Applicant has cited the International Search Report and attaches herewith all references mentioned therein.

It is requested that the Examiner fully consider the cited references and that they be cited on the front of any patent issuing from this application.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has further questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at phone 011-4171 230 1000, fax at 011-4171 230 1001 or e-mail at [moetteli@patcutinfo.net](mailto:moetteli@patcutinfo.net).

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